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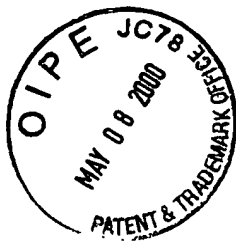
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233 to Toyoda et al., entitled "Facsimile Mail Apparatus", which issued on March 9, 1999.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite this document. A copy of the above-noted patent is attached and is listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the same to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

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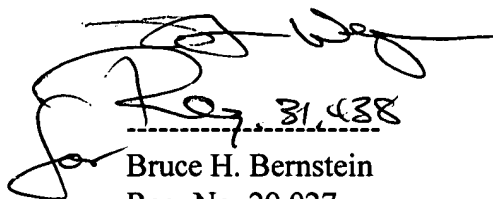
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/458,962 to Iyoki, entitled "Image Processing Apparatus and Its Status Information Notifying Method", which was filed on December 10, 1999.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is not attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason the Examiner cannot locate the application, Applicant will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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